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Our Neighbors

By ELAINE SKOLNIK Granite 4-6060

Tony and Ann Pisano edged out Joe and Ethel Nusinov by one-half point to win last Thursday's monthly duplicate bridge game at the Co-op Hospitality Room. The club has decided to switch meeting nights to the second Friday of the month. Next game: Friday, May 12.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sharff, 27-E Parkway. Sieglinde Alaina made her debut March 31, weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz. She joins a sister Christa.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burgan, 34-F Crescent, announce the birth of a daughter. March 27 was the important date.

Their first is a bouncing boy! The Thomas Bowlers, 11-D laurel, named him Thomas, Jr. Born March 29, Thomas tipped the scales at 11 lbs. 15 oz.

A very happy birthday to Cheryl Champion, 11-L Laurel, who celebrated her ninth birthday.

Best wishes to Elise Geller, 117 Northway, who will be 12 years old on Saturday.

A speedy recovery to Ethel Fisher, 5-D Eastway, who recently underwent surgery.

Birthday greetings to Carole Collins, 53-G Ridge, who was six years old.

Blackie Meade, 19-H Hillside, is doing very well after an appendectomy. We wish him a quick recovery.

Congratulations to Eugenia M. Likens, Barbara B. Schillinger, and Carole E. Schwimer, who were named to the Dean's list at the University of Maryland for the fall semester of the academic year 1960-61.

High Pointer Jim Grant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grant, 19-C Ridge, has been nominated to attend the Twelfth Annual United Nations Pilgrimage, which is being given by the Independent Order of Oddfellows in the Washington area. The pilgrimage is a two-week duration—one week in New York and a second week viewing historical sights in Canada.

For the fourth time a High Point student has won the College Park Rotary talent award. Martin Berkofsky, senior, won the award Wednesday evening at a meeting of the College Park Rotary group when he played Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12" for the contest. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Berkofsky, 5-A Ridge, will continue his piano studies at Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore following his graduation in June. Martin is active in school activities, such as the Honor Society, Radio Club, Summit Singers and Audio Visual Club. Congratulations, Martin.

Linda Oldson, Margie Daffron, and John Feldmann, staffers of High Point's newspaper have good reason to be very proud. The BEACON won first place in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association annual contest, sponsored by Columbia University, New York City. The BEACON received 880 out of a possible 1000 points.

High Pointers Roberta Chiavitta, Donne Lee Kern, and Richard Moss are among the 85 senior high school students participating this year in a special program in history sponsored by the Board of Education of Prince Georges County, in co-

operation with the Service Center for Teachers of History. The students selected for this program have completed the required American History course and have shown special ability and interest in history.

A get-well-quick to 6 year old Ricky Belt, 4-A Gardenway, who is in Prince Georges Hospital.

The newest singing combo in town are called the Pep Trio P for Pam Day, E for Elise Geller, and P for Pauline Milasi.

Susan Weisel, 21D Ridge, celebrated her seventh birthday last Thursday, April 6, with a birthday party.

From Altoona, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Reginia Resig visited with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. L.A. Weisel and family, also with niece and nephew Mr. & Mrs. Harry Costlow, 32-H Ridge.

Zubkoff Replies

To Bowman

Open letter to Bruce Bowman, GHI Board Member, Twin Pines past - President, City Councilman, and a host of other titles too numerous to mention:

You are far more proficient and experienced than I at minding the people's business, and when you speak, or write, I grant that you are both knowledgeable and sincere, and that your objective is to benefit the community for the common good.

The trouble is, it seems to me I've heard this siren song before, and I must observe, sincerity and noble motives do not always lead to the desired ends.

I recall only too vividly the glowing promises of benefits to the members of another co-op, benefits to be derived from expansion into other areas and other activities. Yet, though that co-op's business activities have increased ten-fold in the past ten years, I have observed very little in the way of additional benefits to members. Indeed, in some respects the benefits have been drastically curtailed—witness the disappearance of the patronage refund, and the absurd "advantages for members" which replaced it. I am fearful lest GHI and Twin Pines fall into the same trap, the delusion that expansion into other ventures will lead to "greater benefits" for members, while beneath the surface of the corporate structure lurks a network of subsidiary and interlocking organizations which sap the strength and the purpose of the main body, slowly but surely.

So I ask you, Bruce, why do GHI and Twin Pines have to get into business activities which are foreign to the purposes for which they were established? Why, for example, should Twin Pines be used as a platform to launch a cooperative theater enterprise? If some people want to organize a cooperative theater, let them do it—that's their business. It's not Twin Pines' business. If some people don't like the way the present theater is being handled, let them talk to the theater owner, or to the landlord (GCS), and offer their help or advice where

Agenda

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
GREENBELT, MD.
APRIL 17, 1961

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. Petitions and Requests
5. Written Communications
6. Manager's Progress Report
7. Act on Request of Citizen for Storage Space in City's Warehouse
8. Ordinance - Second Reading - Provide for the Impounding of Motor Vehicles
9. Ordinance - Second Reading - Appropriate Funds for Payment of Fire Alarm to Hyattsville
10. Ordinance - Second Reading - Appropriate Funds to Pay News Review
11. Discuss Operation of Swimming Pool
12. Appoint Members to Teen Club Advisory Board
13. Appoint Members to Recreation Advisory Committee
14. Ordinance - Authorize Payment for Miscellaneous Items
15. Ordinance - Appropriate Funds for Youth Center Concessions
16. Resolution - Transfer Funds Within Departments
17. Miscellaneous.

it might do some good. But why on earth should Twin Pines have anything to do with it? What the members of Twin Pines have a right to expect and demand of their Board and Officers is that they devote their time and efforts to establishing sound fiscal policies and managing their money wisely and judiciously—and that, as an organization, they stay out of affairs that don't concern them.

As for GHI, why should they get into the motel business, or the restaurant business, or the "elderly" housing business? If they want these things, let them encourage someone else to get into them—and there are many ways of providing such encouragement. If the opportunities for these ventures are at all promising of success, there should be no difficulty in attracting experienced businessmen. And if the opportunities are not so promising, all the more reason why GHI should not go into them. Again I make the point: the members of GHI have a right to expect and demand that their Board and Officers stick to the business for which they were elected—the business of running the affairs of the corporation efficiently and economically.

Frankly, Bruce, I think the quest for new fields to conquer and new ventures to expand into arises from the fact that Board members stay in office too long. I quickly concede that the members at large owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to such indefatigable public servants as yourself, who have given so much of their time and energy over the years to make GHI a successful operation. And when you and others like you run for office year after year, we are reluctant to vote against you because we are grateful to you for all you have done for us. Yet, I think you and some others have been

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Five GHI Board Members To Be Elected on May 17

In springtime a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love. In Greenbelt, spring also means elections to members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

Library Open House

The Greenbelt branch of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library will participate in National Library Week next week by holding open house Monday night from 7 to 9 p.m. Mrs. Marjorie Muir, head librarian, will be available to answer questions or discuss local library problems with local residents. The library is located in the Center School adjacent to the south entrance.

Police News

Greenbelt Police were called to the scenes of three auto accidents last week. On April 6, a car being driven toward the B-W Parkway was struck by a car which was proceeding to the Washington entrance of the Parkway. After stopping at the stop sign, the driver of the car stated that she had not seen any car coming on Glendale Rd. On April 7 a motorist turning off Plateau to Ridge, swung too wide and hit a vehicle parked at 53 Ridge. A car turning from Southway to Ridge collided with a car turning from Ridge to Southway. One driver claimed that the other car had not stopped at the stop sign. There were no reported injuries in any of these accidents.

The manager of the Co-op reported apprehending a juvenile shoplifter who had stolen a carton of cigarettes. The youth was released to his parents.

A girl's 20" bicycle, green with white and red trim, was reported stolen from 7 Crescent last week. This bicycle had not been registered with Greenbelt police.

A car, stolen in Adelphi, was recovered in Greenbelt by Officer Paul Reamy. It was found at Hillside and Laurel Hill. And two hub-caps were stolen from a 56 Chevy Monday on Woodland Way.

Chief Williams reported that 56 animal licenses have been sold. He stated that an investigation will be made after May 1 to locate all unregistered animals.

City To Undergo Spring Cleanup

After a two-year rest Greenbelt will again hold a spring clean-up campaign. In their last meeting, the city council passed a formal resolution establishing a special clean-up campaign from Saturday, April 15, through Saturday, May 13. During this period the city will supply trucks and manpower on the four Saturdays involved (April 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 13) to assist in collecting leaves, debris and other materials gathered from the yards, courts, parks, and wooded areas adjacent to the homes. A special committee of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad will assist in the conduct of the campaign.

Greenbelt's participation in a clean-up campaign is in part a contribution to the state-wide "Keep Maryland Beautiful" campaign.

Angie Lushine Winner

The NEWS REVIEW has been informed that an error appeared in last week's issue concerning the Easter Egg Hunt golden egg winner in the 4th - 6th grade group. Our story inadvertently listed Angie Billets as the winner, but the winner was actually Angie Lushine of 3-C Gardenway. We are looking forward to more accomplishments from Angie which will get her name in the NEWS REVIEW again, and next time we'll get it right.

For the first time, annual elections for the board of directors of the housing co-op will take place in May. In previous years, election month was March, but last year's snowstorm which accompanied the balloting prompted the membership to move back the voting two months.

Another unique feature of this year's election is the fact that it will be the first under the new staggered system which was adopted last year. Instead of nine vacant spots on the board to be filled, there will only be five. The board members whose term expires are Allen Morrison, George Eshbaugh, Frank Lastner, Bruce Bowman, and Paul Kasko. All future directors will be elected for 2-year terms.

The election is held in conjunction with the annual membership meeting, generally scheduled for the third Wednesday in May. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be declared winners, regardless of whether or not they receive more than half the votes cast. Prior to last year, run-off elections had to be held when candidates failed to receive a majority of the votes cast.

Board members receive a salary of \$500 per year with the offices of president, secretary, and treasurer receiving \$750. In addition, board members are eligible to participate in GHI's group life insurance, hospital, surgical, and major medical expense plan for its employees. The insurance plan is jointly financed, with GHI paying 65 percent of the cost.

The GHI nominations and elections committee will meet shortly to organize and to solicit nominations for the vacant posts. Members of the committee are Beverly Fonda, 6-A Ridge, George Adams, 46-D Ridge, Steve Polaschik, 12-D Ridge, George M. Townsend, 51-D Ridge, and Amos M. White, 2-A Westway.

Elderly Housing Problems Discussed

In a "Brain storming" session last Monday night, GHI's new advisory committee for the Housing for the Elderly Program dealt with all aspects of the projected retirement housing program—from complications of financing to the recommendation that mail slots in the doors be equipped with boxes to prevent the elderly occupants from having to stoop down to retrieve their mail.

Under the leadership of Charles Schwan, chairman, each of the subcommittees reported informally on their progress since the organizational meeting two weeks ago. The group noted with satisfaction that some additional members of the corporation have agreed to serve with the various subcommittees, but they expressed the hope that even more members might offer to participate.

Future plans call for the subcommittee on financing and financial operations to prepare materials and date for a public meeting on this aspect of the housing program. It is expected that experts in the field of retirement housing may attend the meeting to act as consultants.

Following the public meeting on financial matters (for which a date is not yet set), two other public meetings—on physical standards and on housing and social needs—are projected.

Boys Club Baseball

The Greenbelt Boys Club baseball team for midgets (12 years and under) will begin practice this Saturday at 2 p.m. at Braden Field under Coach Harold Lloyd.

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"Hand-picked"

I feel I must add my two cents to the squabble over the dictatorial rights (or wrongs) of the GHI board of Directors.

I attempted to go along with the crowd in the matter of the Homes for the Elderly, but after sitting through two hours of the last membership meeting and having the idea crammed down my throat, I felt I could no longer go along with the prestige seeking schemes of Burgoon, Campbell & Co.

There was a vote taken at that meeting which defeated the motion to build the Homes for the Elderly. However, through some devious and dubious means the question was reopened and the board was allowed to pour more good money after bad into the pet project of Burgoon et al. There was to be formed a representative (?) committee of members to inquire into the subject further. A phone call was made one evening to a member of the board requesting to be seated on this committee in attempt to for some sort of unbiased opinion of the project, but apparently this committee was to be made up of chosen people who were in strict accord with the wishes of the board. Until last weeks issue of the NEWS REVIEW I wondered about how representative this committee was, but I need wonder no longer. There appeared an article explaining the method by which the Garden Club would be moved from their plots to make room for the homes for the elderly. I assume from this that the board was given a vote of confidence by their "hand-picked" committee.

Despite the elegant wordy letter of Mr. Bowman's in last weeks issue of the NEWS REVIEW I would like to second the opinion of Harry Zubkoff. Why don't the board of directors of GHI utilize their time in trying to run the Corporation and in aiding the members of said corporation? I'm afraid I didn't quite get the point Mr. Bowman was attempting to put across when he made a reference to the financial statement of GHI. I did, sadly, get the point a few months ago when the monthly charges on my home went up about two dollars because the cost of maintenance (or lack of) had risen.

In closing I would like to say that it would be a great benefit to all concerned if the members of GHI would think about what these projects have to offer the overall membership and what they may lose if these projects are allowed to be crammed down their throats in the roughshod way that was attempted at the last membership meeting.

HENRY J. LYONS

(Editor's note: As indicated in another article in this issue, the advisory committee of GHI is still actively seeking to fill out the membership of its subcommittees.)

Jim Smith Honored

Jim Smith, 4-H Southway, former city councilman, who operates Norman Motors in College Park, was one of seven Ford retail salesmen who received the Ford Motor Company's Top Hatter Award at a banquet at the Statler-Hilton on Saturday, April 8.

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ADULT ROLLER SKATING

The Monday night Adult Roller Skating program has turned out to be one of the most popular programs at the Youth Center. The attendance averages about 120 each week.

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RESOLUTION

TO AMEND THE GREENBELT CITY CHARTER, SECTION 763 (P. L. L., 1943, ART. 17, SEC. 673. 1937, CH. 532, SEC. 43. 1949, CH. 583, SEC. 673.) (QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF CITY SOLICITOR)

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 420, amending the Greenbelt City Section 754 (P.L.L., 1943, Art. 17, sec. 664. 1937, ch. 532, sec. 34. 1949, ch. 583, sec. 664.) (Responsibilities of Manager -- Powers of Appointment and Removal), provided for the appointment or removal of the City Solicitor only with the consent of the Council; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance did not provide for the amendment to the similar language which appears in Section 763 (P.L.L., 1943, Art. 17, sec. 673. 1937, ch. 532, sec. 43. 1949, ch. 583, sec. 673.) (Qualifications and Duties of City Solicitor), now therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED that Section 763 (P.L.L., 1943, Art. 17, sec. 673. 1937, ch. 532, sec. 43. 1949, ch. 583, sec. 673.) (Qualifications and Duties of City Solicitor be amended to read as follows (Underlined material is added, bracketed material is deleted.):

"763. Qualifications and Duties of City Solicitor. The City Solicitor shall be appointed or removed by the City Manager only with the consent of the Council. (and the City Manager may remove him at will without notice. His compensation shall be fixed by the Council. He shall be an attorney at law who shall have been admitted to practice before the Maryland Bar, but need not be a resident of Greenbelt. He shall be the chief legal adviser of and attorney for the city and all offices thereof in matters relating to their official powers and duties. It shall be his duty to perform all services incident to his office; to attend meetings of the Council when requested by the City Manager, to give advice in writing, when so requested, to the Council or the City Manager; to prosecute or defend, as the case may be, all suits or cases to which the city may be a party; to prosecute for all offenses against the ordinances of the city and for such offenses against the laws of the State as may be required of him by law; to prepare all contracts, bonds and other instruments in writing in which the city is concerned, and to endorse on each his approval of the form and correctness thereof; and to perform such other duties of a legal nature as the Council may be ordinance require."

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at regular meeting, April 3, 1961.

Thomas J. Canning
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When The SIREN BLOWS

By RITA FISHER

There were 9 emergency ambulance calls last week including some from the Youth Center. One lad was hurt while playing basketball. An adult roller skater was injured when she fell on her hand and fractured her wrist.

There were five fire calls which included two for brush fires, one house fire out of Greenbelt and two fill-ins (the men stand by at another firehouse while the local company is out on a call of a prolonged nature.)

A house was burned purposely on Cipriane Road on Sunday as part of a fire-fighting drill. Chief Reynolds reported that some of the younger members were literally "hot under the collar" when the heat reddened the exposed skin of their necks.

The Greenbelt men will be going to a drill at the structural fire building at the Maryland University Fire Extension School on Sunday, April 30. I've witnessed one of these all day drills and it's a tough drill, in that the men don masks and have to put out a fire which is located in a small building so filled with smoke that when they emerge they are covered with soot. Burning oil drums may be included in the drill this time.

To date, the response to the proposed Baby Sitters Course has been nil. This course will be very beneficial to youngsters who would like to earn extra cash caring for young'uns. They will be able to learn many things that will enable them to tackle the job with confidence. Call me if you're interested.

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LETTER

(Continued from Page 1) in office too long, and I would urge you and them to retire voluntarily for a year or two and give some new blood a chance to tackle our problems with fresh vigor and a fresh approach.

You see, much as I appreciate all your efforts on behalf of the members at large, I think there are decided dangers in too long a tenure in office--a danger that you become lost among the trees and fail to see the forest--a danger that you look at our problems so long from one point of view that you can no longer shift to another point of view--a danger that you forget that the same problem may have to be solved many times, that solving a problem one year does not mean that it stays solved for the next year--a danger that you forget the problems which seem insoluble instead of tackling them with renewed energy.

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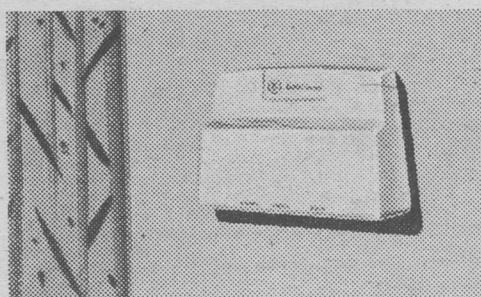
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RESOLUTION

TO AMEND THE GREENBELT CITY CHARTER, SECTION 731A, PERSONNEL BOARD-APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL, DUTIES. (ORDINANCE NO. 419, GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL, MAY 2, 1960)

WHEREAS, A review by City Council of the wide scope of problems and duties assigned to the Personnel Board under Section 731A of the Greenbelt City Charter indicates an abnormal workload for a part-time Board of only three members, as provided in Section 731A; and

WHEREAS, A review of the qualifications and recommendations of available volunteer personnel for said Personnel Board, residing in the City of Greenbelt, suggests to Greenbelt City Council the advisability of increasing the Board to five members, now therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED that Section 731A, Personnel Board - Appointment, Removal, Duties (Ord. No. 419, Greenbelt City Council, May 2, 1960) shall be and hereby is amended to read as follows: (Underlined material is added; bracketed material is deleted.)

"Sec. 731A. Personnel Board - Appointment, Removal, Duties. There shall be a Personnel Board consisting of five (three) members who shall be appointed by the Council. The Council shall designate one of the five (three) as chairman. Members of the Personnel Board shall serve for a term of six years, except that of the members first appointed: One shall be appointed for six years; one shall be appointed for five years; one shall be appointed for four years; one shall be appointed for three years; and one for two years. Vacancies in an unexpired term shall be filled by the Council by appointment for the remainder of the term. A member of the Board may be removed by Council for cause only and after being given a written statement of the charges against him and a public hearing on the charges if he so requests. A certified copy of the charges and a transcript of the record shall be filed with the City Manager. No member of the Personnel Board shall hold any other elective or appointive office in the city government. Members of the Board must be residents of, and residing in, the City of Greenbelt.

"The Board shall have power and shall be required to:

(1) Advise the Council and Manager on problems concerning personnel administration.

(2) During the months of January and February make any study which it may consider desirable concerning the administration of personnel in the municipal service, and report to the City Manager and the Council on or before March 10 its findings, conclusions and recommendations.

(3) Perform such other duties with reference to personnel administration, not inconsistent with this charter, as the Council may specify by ordinance or resolution.

(4) The Board shall have the power to establish, amend, repeal, or add to rules on its own initiative governing its operation, but such rules shall be in conformity with this charter.

(5) Conduct hearings, public or private, if requested by the employee, in accordance with this charter and its own rules on appeals filed under the provisions of Section 754 of this charter as amended."

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at regular meeting, April 3, 1961.

Thomas J. Canning
MAJOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:
Winfield McCamy
CITY CLERK